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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) An An isolated antibody which specifically reacts with an IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, or SEQ ID NO:7, wherein said antibody specifically reacts with an epitope in SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 18-26 (Canceled)

- 27. (Withdrawn) The antibody of claim 17, wherein the IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The antibody of claim 17, wherein the IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The antibody of claim 17, wherein the IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7.

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- 30. (Previously presented) The antibody of claim 17, wherein said antibody is a neutralizing antibody.
- 31. (Currently amended) The antibody of claim 17, wherein said antibody blocks binding of IL-1-R to an IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, or SEQ ID NO:7.
- 32. (Previously presented) The antibody of claim 17, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.
- 33. (Previously presented) The antibody of claim 17, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 34. (Currently amended) The antibody of claim 17, wherein said antibody is obtained using as an immunogen an IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein with a cysteine residue at the carboxyl terminus, wherein said protein consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, or SEQ ID NO:7.
- 35. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of claim 17 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 36. (Cancelled)

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- 37. (Currently amended) A An isolated, neutralizing antibody that binds specifically to an IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, or SEQ ID NO:7, wherein said neutralizing antibody blocks binding of IL-1-R to said IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein.
- 38. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of claim37 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 39. (New) An isolated antibody which specifically reacts with an IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 40. (New) An isolated antibody which specifically reacts with an IL-1-R intracellular ligand protein consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 41. (New) An isolated antibody which specifically reacts with a sequence present in SEQ ID NO:2.